

LITERALLY SPEAKING...

The Newsletter of the York County Public Library

Second Saturdays at Seven Concerts in May and June

History buffs and music lovers alike will be treated to an American history lesson set to the splendor of brass on Saturday, May 12, at 7 PM. The Eastern Virginia Brass presents the Yorktown premiere of *Threshold to America*. This powerful new work for quintet and narrator by Virginia composer Leigh Baxter and Virginia poet Robert Arthur commemorates the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown.

The program continues with an array of music by American composers including patriotic selections from *Excerpts from the Battle of Trenton* by James Hewitt; movements of the *American Brass Band Journal*, by G.W.E.

Friederich; and a witty work by Leonard Bernstein titled *Dance Suite for Brass Quintet*.

The Eastern Virginia Brass professional chamber music ensemble has been based in Hampton Roads for 25 years. The ensemble includes Lawrence Clemens and Robert Spaeth, trumpets; Marlene Ford, horn; Robert Ford, trombone; and James Cipriano, tuba.

On June 9 the Second Saturdays at Seven Concert Series welcomes Judith and Tim Olbrych. Their performance will include English folksongs and classical selections by sixteenth century composers.

Judith Olbrych, soprano, has performed at historic sites throughout central and eastern

Virginia as a vocalist and instrumentalist since 1983. Ms. Olbrych has been a featured performer in programs for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation.

Tim Olbrych presents a unique recital of Classical, Baroque, and Renaissance guitar music. Mr. Olbrych has performed throughout the United States in solo, chamber, and orchestral settings.

Join us for an entertaining evening of music at the Tabb Library on the second Saturday of the month at 7:00 PM. Performances are free of charge and open to the public. Call the Library at 890-5120 for more information.

The Wisest Fool, An Audience With King James VI & I

Howard Burnham Portrays History with Humor

Come and meet the "first King of America" on Wednesday, May 9, at 7:00 PM at the Tabb Library. Noted historical interpreter Howard Burnham will present his new characterization of the man for whom the Jamestown settlement was named, the first English King of America, James VI & I. He was King James VI of Scotland for 36 years before he succeeded his cousin, Elizabeth I, to become King James I of England.

Burnham sets his program in 1624 towards the end of King James' long reign, 60 years as Scotland's monarch and 21 as England's ruler. Old King James is revoking the Virginia Company Charter in order to make Virginia a crown colony. He takes the opportunity to review his eventful life including his mother (Mary, Queen of Scots), his marriage to Anna of Denmark, the establishment of the Jamestown Settlement, and

Pocahontas in England.

This is Howard Burnham's second appearance at the Tabb Library. Last September he portrayed Banastre "Bloody Ban" Tarleton and Lord Cornwallis to a standing room only audience. To learn more about Howard Burnham, visit his web site, www.howardburnham.com.

For more information contact the Library at 890-5120 or visit our web site, www.yorkcounty.gov/library.

Emergency Preparedness Seminar

The 2007 Atlantic hurricane season begins June 1, and researchers from the Tropical Meteorology Project at Colorado State University are forecasting a very active season. What better way to prepare for the season than to attend the Emergency Preparedness Seminar presented by Chef Noah on June 2 at 2:00 PM at the Tabb Library? Chef Noah (Jack Chase) will be presenting information on how to prepare for a disaster and what to do if a disaster happens. Call the library at 890-5120 to register for the seminar.

For more information about Chef Noah, visit his web site www.chefnoah.com. You'll find information on disaster preparations, fire safety, home safety, first aid, and many more topics. To view the 2007 Atlantic hurricane season forecast, visit the Tropical Meteorology Project at <http://hurricane.atmos.colostate.edu/>. The Virginia Department of Emergency Management web site, www.vaemergency.com, also has extensive resources for disaster planning.

Adult Summer Reading Program

The Library invites patrons, ages 18 and up, to join our Adult Summer Reading Program beginning June 17 through July 28. The theme for this year's program is *Readers of the Round Table*. Patrons may choose fiction or nonfiction books from our Adult Collection about fantasy, history, biographies, modern soldiers, suffragettes, heroes, etc. A list of suggested titles prepared by our reference staff will be available online at www.yorkcounty.gov/library.

Participants will document their adventures weekly for an entry in the weekly prize drawings. Non-winning entries in the weekly drawings will be entered in the grand prize drawings at the conclusion of the program.

Literary Competition Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Second Annual Juried Literary Competition for Poetry and Short Stories sponsored by the Library and the Friends of the Library. Visit our web site, www.yorkcounty.com/library to read the winning short stories and poems, or pick up a booklet of the winning entries at the reference desk.

Poetry Category:

- First Anna Grace Foster, *Into the Dolomites*
- Second Cathy Ann Coley, *The Guy Who Carries Paper*
- Third Cher Balsley, *Closed Mouth Poet*
- Honorable Mentions:
 - Julia Denton, *Epitaph*
 - Denise Duhon, *Waiting for the Results*

Short Story Category:

- First B.C. Walsh, *The Hunt Club*
- Second Cathy Ann Coley, *Cracking*
- Third Tony Gabriele, *The Ghost of Private Carter*
- Honorable Mention:
 - Zak Minor, *Tennis Isn't an Irish Sport*

Have you heard about the Big Read?

The Big Read is a program sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to promote reading for pleasure. The York County Public Library (YCPL) is one of the sponsors of the Peninsula Big Read.

The book selected for the Peninsula Big Read is *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston. Copies of the novel and reader's guides are available for free at the participating libraries while supplies last.

The YCPL will be hosting two book discussion groups at the Tabb Library. Dr. Tom Long, professor and department chairperson of English at Thomas Nelson Community College (TNCC), will lead the discussion on Thursday, May 17, at 7 PM. The book discussion on Thursday, May 24, at 7 PM will be led by Hollis Pruitt, assistant professor of English at TNCC.

A schedule of all Peninsula Big Read events is available on the YCPL web site, www.yorkcounty.gov/library.



Summer Reading Program

Virginia Trails is the theme for the 2007 Summer Reading Program which will run from June 25 to August 3. The goal of this program is to encourage children to read during the summer. The library will offer lots of fun activities, including special performers, workshops, story times, movies — and of course, great books to read!

Participants in the program keep a reading log. After they have read 5 hours or 5 books, they can come to the library once a week, show us their reading log, and receive a prize.

Saturday Story Times

Join us for Mother's Day Story Time on May 12 at 10:30 AM. Come celebrate Father's Day with your favorite man on June 16 at 10:30 AM. Listen to stories, sing songs, and make a special craft. Saturday story times are held in the Tabb Library meeting room and are recommended for ages 3 and up. Registration is not required.

Teen Summer Reading Program

The Teen Summer Reading Program for middle and high school students will be based on the theme, *Lost . . . in Time*. Participants will read and complete tasks to fill up a game card throughout the summer. In addition to weekly prizes, there will be teen programs and crafts. Registration will begin on Monday, June 18, at both libraries.

If a child completes the weekly reading for 4 of the 6 weeks, they will receive a book.

Weekly activities will be based on the *Virginia Trails* theme. Movie Mondays will feature a 10:30 AM showing of a children's movie in the Tabb meeting room. Terrific Tuesdays will bring a variety of performers to the Library. Wednesdays and Thursdays are full of story times for all ages.

Registration for the six-week summer reading program for ages 2½ to 12 year olds will begin Monday, June 18 at 10 AM at the Tabb and Yorktown Libraries. All performances are free and open to everyone.



Terrific Tuesdays Performances

June 26	10:00 AM	Snakes Alive with Ron Cromer
July 3	10:00 AM	Get a Clue American History Mystery
July 10	10:30 AM	The Adventures of Glus-ka-be with Red Hawk
July 17	10:00 AM	Lucky Bill, Virginia's Own Singing Cowboy
July 24	10:30 AM	Children's singer/songwriter Judy Pancoast
July 31	10:30 AM	Children's musical duo C. Shells

Fun in the Sun Safety Story Time

Join us for a special story time about the sun, beach, and sunscreen on Wednesday, June 6, at 10:30 AM in the Tabb Library meeting room. There will be stories, songs, and a craft for the children. In partnership with the American Cancer Society, parents and caregivers will have the opportunity to use a skin analyzer to assess their skin's sun damage. No registration is required for this educational and fun event. Call 890-5110 for details.

Calling All Teen Volunteers!

The Youth Services Department invites teens, ages 13 years and older, to help with the 2006 Summer Reading Program. Applications are available at the Tabb and Yorktown Youth Services' desks and on our web site, www.yorkcounty.gov/children. Applications are being accepted from April 23 to May 25 and must be submitted to the Youth Services staff at the Tabb Library.

Volunteer duties include registering patrons for the summer program, distributing prizes, assisting with story time craft preparation, and providing support at special performances. Volunteers must attend a mandatory training session on one of the following dates: June 1, June 2, or June 5. Stop by the Youth Services desk or call 890-5110 for more information.

Celebrate Jamestown's 400th Anniversary

America is celebrating the 400th anniversary of the settling of Jamestown, Virginia in 1607. Jamestown was the first permanent English settlement in North America. The York County Public Library has many books on the subject.

One of the more recent publications is *1607 Jamestown and the New World* compiled by Dennis Montgomery and the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. The articles in the book are from *Colonial Williamsburg*, the history journal of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. You will read about the Powhatan Indians, King James I, John Smith, Pocahontas, the Starving Time, John Clarke, and Reverend Robert Hunt.

There is an interesting chapter by James Axtell titled *Historical Rivalry - If Jamestown came first, why does Plymouth get all the attention?* The final chapter by Will Molineux deals with the Jamestown Rediscovery project led by archaeologist William Kelso.

Dorothy and Thomas Hoobler take an eye-opening look at John Smith in their 2006 book, *Captain John Smith: Jamestown and the Birth of the American Dream*. You'll read about Smith's uncanny ability to escape disastrous situations

from his chained confinement aboard the *Susan Constant* to his capture by Opechancanough's men.

John Smith Escapes Again! by Rosalyn Schanzer is an entertaining and informative look at Smith's life for 9-14 year-old readers. Schanzer writes about Smith's encounter with pirates, being sold into slavery, and six daring escapes from the Indians. The colorful illustrations are enjoyable, too.

For ages 9-12, check out *The Jamestown Colony* by Alan Pierce and *New Beginnings: Jamestown and the Virginia Colony, 1607-1699* by Daniel Rosen. Both provide a good historical overview from the Jamestown settlement and the Virginia Company to Bacon's Rebellion and the new capital city of Williamsburg.

For more information on these and other books about the Jamestown settlement, contact our Reference staff at 890-5120.

Silver Screen Cinema

Join us at the Yorktown Library for our Silver Screen Cinema Series of classic movies on the second Wednesday of each month at 4 PM. The 1957 movie *Tammy and the Bachelor* starring Debbie Reynolds and Leslie Nielsen will be the feature film on May 9. The feature film on June 13 will be *Roman Holiday*, starring Gregory Peck and Audrey Hepburn.

2006 Library Volunteer of the Year

Congratulations to Allen Sylvia who was honored by the York County Board of Supervisors on April 20 as the 2006 Library Volunteer of the Year. For over three years Mr. Sylvia has faithfully volunteered at the Tabb Library repairing over 5,000 damaged books. In addition, he assists with the Friends of the Library book sales and is master of ceremony for our Saturdays at Seven Concerts.

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HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday—Thursday	10 AM–9 PM
Friday	10 AM–6 PM
Saturday	10 AM–5 PM
Sunday	1 PM–5 PM

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<http://www.yorkcounty.gov/library/>

Enjoy story time at home...FREE!
DIAL-A-STORY 890-5111

Tabb Library

100 Long Green Boulevard
Yorktown, VA 23693
(at Hampton Hwy. & Long Green Blvd.)

Library Information	890-5100
Administration	890-5105
Circulation Desk	890-5130
Adult Services Desk	890-5120
Youth Services Desk	890-5110

Yorktown Library

8500 George Washington Mem. Highway
Yorktown, VA 23692
(at US Rt. 17 & Battle Rd.)

Library Information	890-3377
Circulation Desk	890-5209
Adult Services Desk	890-5207
Youth Services Desk	890-3236

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Monday, May 28
for Memorial Day